IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Francesco Lorenzo Brancia Attorney Docket: P70284US0

Serial No.: New Application

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For: SELECTIVE BINDING AND ANALYSIS OF MACROMOLECULES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to the examination based on the merits, please amend the captioned application as follows: